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SUBJECT Chinese Communist Party Efforts to Increase Membership of Workers

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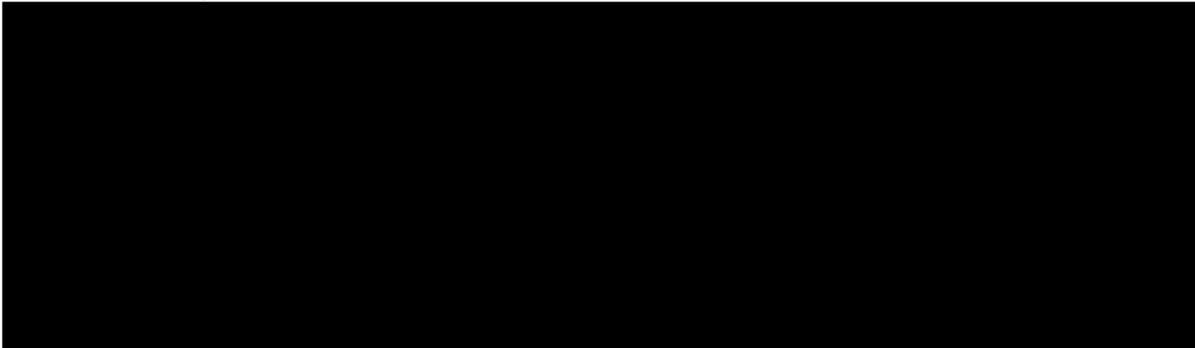
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1. In April 1951 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Organization Department called an all-nation conference which voted to increase the number of workers in the Party.¹ The views of LIU Shao-ch'i, which were expressed at the conference, were issued on 24 August 1951 by the CCP central authority in the form of a set of special instructions for strengthening the Party among the workers. A summary of these views and instructions follows.
2. Because of the nature of Chinese society the percentage of farmers in the CCP is very large. It would now be a serious political error to fail in recruiting enough workers for the Party. The task of strengthening the Party among the workers and the task of strengthening the Party by increasing standards for membership are goals of the campaign.²
3. Incomplete statistical figures show that we have recruited 200,000 industrial workers as Party members and have established 13,000 Party branches in factories and mines since the occupation of China. However, there are 3,000,000 industrial workers and 9,000,000 handicraft workers throughout the country. 200,000 Party members from this total of 12,000,000 is inadequate.
4. Therefore, the CCP Central Authority expects to see 1,000,000 industrial workers and 300,000 to 500,000 handicraft workers throughout the country brought into the Party by the end of 1953, when the program for strengthening the Party is scheduled for completion.
5. During the next two years not more than ten persons shall be recruited as Party members in any hsien in the farming areas of the territory occupied before 1949.
6. Emphasis must be placed on recruiting workers in factories and mines. Exact qualifications must be required to prevent infiltration of dispersed enthusiastic elements into the party. The potential recruit must

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be a genuine worker, enthusiastic in production, politically awake, and ready to follow Party instructions. He must not be a landlord, wealthy peasant, former Nationalist soldier, policeman, or gendarme.

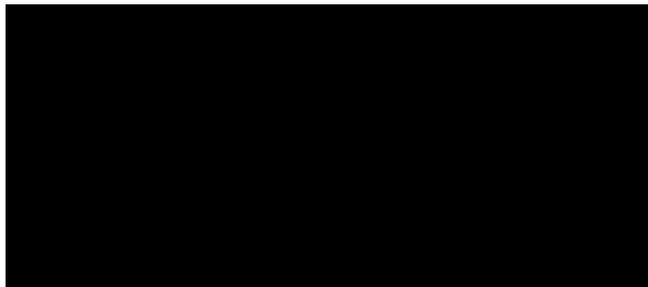
7. If the number of qualified workers in any factory or mine is too small, the Party branch must educate the workers in Communism. Any Party member who fails to hold this recruitment as one of his major duties shall be subject to punishment in accordance with Party discipline. Progress reports shall be made every three months.

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1. [REDACTED]

- 25X1C. [REDACTED] Comment. Since the task of strengthening the Party among the workers will add many Party members, and since the task of increasing the standards for membership will tend to decrease the number, it seems probable that a sizeable number of CCM members will be expelled from the Party during the campaign.

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